

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Regional Transit Authority**  
**RIDES**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) dba RIDES at its headquarters, 522 10<sup>th</sup> Ave East, Spencer, IA, at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2016. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss an application from the RTA to the Iowa Department of Transportation for financial assistance as follows:

RTA will request approximately \$447,426.00 of State Transit Assistance funds and approximately \$680,640.00 of Federal Transit Assistance funds for fiscal year 2017.

RTA wishes to purchase One ADA Accessible 176'' wheel base Light Duty Bus with surveillance at \$77,775 each which is at 85% of the federal share and \$13,725 each which is 15% of the local share for a total of \$91,500. RTA would also purchase Five ADA Accessible 158'' wheel base Light duty Bus with Surveillance at \$73,525, which is at 85% of the federal share and \$12,975 which is at 15% of the local share for a grand total of \$432,500. RTA plans to purchase Two ADA Accessible Mini-Van's with surveillance at \$44,200 which is 85% federal share and \$7,800 which is at 15% of the local share, for a total of \$52,000, for a grand total of \$104,000.

These projects will not have a significant detrimental environmental effect on the area, and no persons or businesses will be displaced by these activities. The projects are in conformance with the Statewide Transit Improvement Program (STIP).

Any interested person or agency is invited to attend this Hearing and speak for or against this application for funding. Written comments will be accepted at 522 10<sup>th</sup> Ave East, PO Box 1240, Spencer, IA 51301 through Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm. For additional information you may call Hugh D. Lively, Executive Director, at 712-264-3034 during RTA office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Regional Transit Authority Public Hearing Meetings are open to all individuals regardless of disability. Any person with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the RTA Office at (800) 358-5037 at least five business days prior to the meeting.